(b) the principles underlying the necessity for direct recruitment to these cadres ;

(c) why direct recruitment should be resorted to when there are qualified candidates in the department itself ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) No.

(b) and (c) No hard and fast rule is followed in the matter. Ordinarily a small percentage of the vacancies in the Station House Officer's grade will be filled up by promotion from the grade of Head Constables provided deserving subordinates with the required qualifications are available.

(c) Direct recruitment to the higher grades is necessary in the interests of efficiency. In all States, the practice exists. It is not a question whether qualifed hands exist or not, but whether the service could be more efficient by the introduction of new blood into the department by means of direct recruitment.

Newspaper article headed "Probationary Inspector".

525. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether their attention was drawn to the Editorial in the "Gomathi" dated 5th Kumbham 1108 under the heading 'Probationary Inspector';

(2) if so, what is the University degree of the candidate selected by the Commissioner of Police;

(3) how many subordinates are there in the Police Department at present holding the same degree ;

(4) has the selected candidate any qualification other than the University degree that entitles him to the selection ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) B.A.

(3) Ten.

(4) Yes ; he has completed the Law course and was the best of the lot in all respects.

Educational qualification for Inspectors of Police.

526. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the minimum educational qualification prescribed for an Inspector of Police ;

(b) the number of men possessing this qualification on 8th Vrischigam 1103 ;

(1) among Head Constables, and

(2) among clerical staff of the department ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) B. A.

(b) (1) 4.

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